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TAGS: OVIP (GISCARD D'ESTAING, PRESIDENT VALERY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT GISCARD'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO U.S. IN
1976

1. DURING RECENT CALL ON AMBASSADOR RUSH WHILE ON CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS, FRENCH AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET SAID THAT BECAUSE OF OTHER ENGAGEMENTS PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAN ON VISITING THE UNITED STATES IN JUNE OR JULY 1976. HE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH, HOWEVER, TO MAKE HIS VISIT IN MAY IN ORDER HAVE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND TAKE PART IN THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. IF THIS PROPOSAL FITS IN WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S SCHEDULE, WE BELIEVE A VISIT IN MAY WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE FRUITFUL CONTACTS AT MARTINIQUE LAST DECEMBER AND BRUSSELS IN MAY.

2. KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET BELIEVES PLANS FOR VISIT SHOULD BE INITIATED SOON BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT GISCARD'S ALREADY INCREASINGLY CROWDED SCHEDULE.

3. ASSUME KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET WILL TRANSMIT FOREGOING DIRECTLY TO DEPARTMENT, BUT EMBASSY REPORTING IT TO HELP PREPARATIONS.
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